

Parish website Have you been able to see it yet? Please do drop in and let me know what you think. Thanks again to Tony for his dedicated work in getting this up and running. I have recently been given some very interesting photographs of the church from the turn of the century. If *you* have any pictures of historical interest may we borrow them and scan them onto the website for many more to share? They could be of buildings, former clergy or parish celebrations of former times.

Holy Souls List. There are envelopes at the back of church in which to put the names of those you would like to be remembered in the November masses. There will be a mass each week for that intention.

Church cleaning We needed to change the date for the next cleaning session. It will now be on Friday 23rd November starting at 9.30am. If you have the time and would like to become involved in this ministry then please turn up and join the team. (there are always refreshments and lots of chatting!)

St. Cecilia is the patron saint of music and her feast day is 22nd November. There will be a celebration of Evening Prayer at the Cathedral on Sunday 18th at 2.30pm. All musicians and singers are invited to add music and dignity to the celebration. For more information and music details contact Molly at pad.st-marys@btinternet.com or 0151-652-1280

Christmas Cards! There should be some cards available at the concert on Friday and then after all the masses for the next couple of weeks. Please be generous and buy as many as you will need.



Advent & Christmas dates.

- 12th Dec. "School Carols by Candlelight"
- 13th Dec First Forgiveness for the children.
- 14th Dec Concert. Beck Sian
- 19th Dec Parish Advent Reconciliation Service
- 20th Dec Weston Rhyn Christmas Carol Concert
- 24th Dec Christmas Eve masses. 6pm & 8pm
- 25th Dec Christmas Day masses. 9am & 11am

Parish Diaries Next year's diaries have arrived and are available at the back of church. Please take one if you are able to use it. It contains the feasts of the church as well as a collection of prayers for private devotion.

It's Official!! Bad week! Only lost one pound! Must try harder!!

At Your Word Lord. Sr. Jo is leading this time of prayer and reflection in the convent every Friday starting at 7.30pm.

Biblical misspellings St Paul cavorted to Christianity. He preached Holy Acrimony which is another name for marriage!

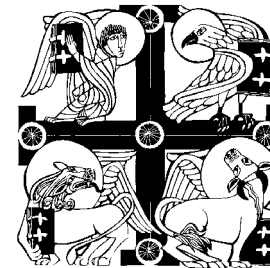
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Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament. Praise him for his mighty deeds. Praise him for his surpassing greatness. Praise him with trumpet sounds, with tambourine, with pipes and with clashing cymbals! *Psalm 150*

What a catalogue of disasters we have to listen to again in today's Gospel! The Temple of Solomon, the place where God dwells, is to be destroyed! The fine carvings and stonework, raised to the ground. *(In the year 70AD the Emperor Titus ordered the Temple to be destroyed but for one wall to be left in order for the Jews to wail. That wall is still there today)*

Jesus warns the listeners against those who try to deceive; the people who claim to know the ultimate secrets and who pose as saviours. "The End is nigh!" Those who arouse anxiety and fear. Jesus reassures his listeners and warns them to ignore such prophets of doom.

There has never been a time in history when the world has not been shattered by war and bloodshed. Jesus assures his listeners that these are not signs either. Neither are earthly disasters, earthquakes, storms and famine. They are disastrous for those who are affected but they are *not* signs of the end of the world.

In the last section of his warning Jesus speaks of those who will lose faith and turn away from the truth. He encourages his disciples to learn to be able to stare into the abyss and still have faith. Even when they see suffering and death, warfare and famine, disaster and devastation and still hold firm onto the belief of a loving God.

There are no easy answers to these happenings. There are times when all we have is our faith to sustain us through the dark night. Jesus invites us to endure, to have faith, to believe and to hold firm that, no matter what happens, he has been there before us. The hope he offers us is the fact that he, God-Man has endured and seen the resur-

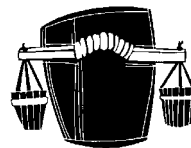


**Newsletter for Sunday 18th November 2007
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Mass Times and Intentions of Holy Mass

Sundays Year C: Psalter Week One

Sat	17th	6.30pm	Parishioners	
Sun	18th	9am	George Gadd	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
		11am	Margaret Hollern	
Mon	19th	9.30am	Holy Souls	
Tue	20th	7pm	Michael Williams	
Wed	21st	9.30am	Thanksgiving (Petra)	
Thu	22nd	9.30am	Iheoma Ann Nwala	
Fri	23rd	12noon	Peter John McCraith	
Sat	24th	6.30pm	Bernice & Tom Sadler	
Sun	25th	9am	Parishioners	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
		11am	Tom Davies	



Justice & Peace Thanks to those who came to the meeting on Wednesday. We were not a big group but I feel that we started to address some of the issues that the Church are asked to address. We started by looking at what the parish does in this area already, and it was moderately impressive. We are generous with the CAFOD Family Fast appeals. The Fairtrade stall is a constant reminder of what we can do with our shopping. Bridie and Hilda carry on raising money for orphans in Malawi. The APF raised funds for the Africa missions. The Little Houses helps in the constant appeal to support the families in need in the diocese. We give generously to the annual appeals by the various missionary orders who ask for our help. We assist the Poor Clares in the work of prayer. The school has links with children in Africa and raises thousands of pounds for particular charitable causes. There are individuals in the parish who support the work of Amnesty International. Others are involved in local Ecumenical projects like Homeless in Oswestry Action Partnership. This last charity is a reminder that there are many justice issues that are right on our own doorstep! All in all we are well on the way to recognising our responsibilities to work for justice and peace and so proclaim the Gospel.

There is a mass-going congregation of about 250 each week. Do you think we could aim to give £1 each week for the four Sundays of Advent? This would give a tremendous start of £1000 to help a chosen project. Please think about this, talk among yourselves and then let me know what else you can come up with.

Beck Sian I have been approached by a local promoter Tim Quinn, to invite a singer to give a Christmas Concert in church on Friday 14th Dec. Tim as involved in the recent 600th celebrations at Oswestry School. While he was in town he took time to visit our church and thought it would be a perfect place for Beck to sing a selection of Christmas music. She is from Australia and has just released her second album. One of her claims to fame is that she is a cousin of Kate Bush. Tickets will be on sale on the door and the concert will be at 7.30pm. The parish will earn a percentage of the ticket sales. Watch out over the next few weeks for posters and adverts for the concerts and please encourage those who like gentle Celtic folk music to come along and prepare for the Christmas Season. If you want to hear a sample of Beck's music then go on line to becksian.net or look on the parish webpage.

Concert There has been a very good response for tickets for the **Ifton Brass Band** on Friday. If you still want a ticket they will be available on the door. Concert starts at 7.30pm and there will be wine and cheese for refreshments in the school hall.

Advent Shoe boxes The school and parish were very generous in the preparation and collection of shoe-box presents for the Children's Society. They use these presents throughout the year for families in need and the Society is always grateful for such gifts. They have asked us if we would have a special collection this year and arrange for boxes to be collected *before* Christmas so that they will be able to distribute them before 25th Dec. Also could we make them specifically for the under 5's. So lots of baby things and small gifts for small ones. We will collect the boxes during Advent and they will collect them during the week before Santa!

My Day by Day I have bought 100 copies of My Day by Day for December. This is a pocket sized book with all the Advent mass readings. I am aware that many of you are unable to get to mass during the week but by having this in your pocket you could find a quiet few minutes and reflect upon the great wealth of Advent Scripture. They are £1 each. Please leave money in the box on the table for the other papers.

Liturgy of the Word

1st Reading Malachi 3:19-20
Psalm Psalm 97
2nd Reading 2 Thess. 3:7-12
Gospel Lk.21:5-19

Next Week

2 Sam. 5:1-3
 Psalm 121
 Col. 1:1-11
 Lk. 23; 35-43

Sacrament of reconciliation By appointment. Please contact Fr. Philip.

Those who are sick: George Lee, Evelyn Lloyd-Williams, Barbara McDougal, Matthew Walton, Irene Cranage, Fr. Adrian Tate, Fr. Frank McManus, Sr. Patricia, David Jones, Joyce Williams, Liam Lynch, Annie Bough, Hughie Crawford, Bob Davies, James Tomley, James McDougall, Richard Burman, Gerald Jones, Joanna Gidge, Kathleen Bebb, Rev John Warnock,

Anniversaries in November William Roberts, William Graham, John Wovenden, Kathleen Thomas, Julian Ormsby-Gore, Mieczylaw Lewandowski, Francis McMahon, James McCracken, David Gabb, John Casey, Volodymi Grychuk, A O'Hagan, Joan Pryce, Michael Williams, Edmund Christopher, Stephen Fryer, Aemelia Wilson, Ernest Ford, Mary Moore, Ernest Jones, Mary Williams, Marjorie Morris, James Spiers, Doris Dwyer, Mary Smith, Josephine White, John Roche, Lillian Brown, Anthony Hutchinson, Joseph Roche, Michael Manser, William Fieldhouse, Margaret Quinn.

Offertory Collection £ 526.88 Thank you for your continued generosity.

Please Pray for

